

Open platform reaches Shillong on January 20



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The Open Platform, a mobile forum travelling through all the North east States, reaches Shillong tomorrow. The seminar will be held at the State Central Library by 12 pm.

The Open Platform is a initiative of writer-activists Susan Waten of Nagaland and Aiyushman Dutta of Guwahati. Both writers are travelling to each town and city of the Northeast. The event in Shillong is coordinated along with the help of local writer Eric Nongkynrih.

The Open Platform kick started in Guwahati on December 22, 2011 at the 13th North East Book Fair. Writers and poets, journalists and photographers, students and research scholars participated by reading out their published/unpublished works and by interacting with those who responded to their presentations, says Dutta

The Open platform reached Nagaland on December 30, 2011. Susan says, "Writers and artists from various disciplines gathered for a heart-to-heart interaction at the HAWA Office in Dimapur. Musicians, film makers, published writers, poets, painters and other creative individuals shared their inner most thoughts with the intention of moving towards universal creative realizations."

Shillong-based writer Eric Nongkynrih informed that the platform in Shillong would try to bring out a long of young writers and poets. He said, "We hope to put students, young people and aspiring writers/poets etc. on the same creative platform with published writers/poets, teachers, academicians and established creative artists. Each participant is expected to do a book or poetry reading, or talk about their works or research materials, and motivate one another to interact and respond to the various creative presentations."

A number of established creative voices like journalist Patricia Mukhim, RG 'Bob' Lyngdoh, Raphael Warjiti, amongst others have agreed to take part in the seminar.

NORTH EAST WRITERS & ARTISTS CONCLAVE, jointly organized by Holiday Abode for Writers & Artists (HAWA), Dimapur and Quaint Essence, Guwahati.

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